

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORIZATION.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The President is hereby authorized to undertake military assistance and use of armed forces, if the President determines it necessary and appropriate, to defend the Kurds in Syria against armed aggression from any country or terrorist organization.

(b) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.**—Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1547(a)(1)), Congress declares that this section is intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)).

(2) **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.**—Nothing in this title supersedes any requirements of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

**SA 80.** Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS****SEC. 501. SENSE OF THE SENATE CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR ITS SUPPORT OF MILITANT GROUPS THAT THREATEN THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The goals of the Government of Iran are to expand its regional influence by military means and by destabilizing its neighbors by all means.

(2) Since 1979, the Iranian regime has engaged in various destabilizing activities that undermine the national security of the United States and its regional allies and partners.

(3) The Government of Iran does this by providing a wide range of support to militant groups and by increasing its nuclear and conventional capability.

(4) The Department of State has designated Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism since 1984 and has characterized Iran as the “most active state sponsor of terrorism” in the world.

(5) Iranian leadership has repeatedly called for the destruction of the United States and Israel.

(6) According to the Department of State’s Country Reports on Terrorism, Iran has armed Hizballah, Hamas and other terrorist organizations, providing hundreds of millions of dollars in support, and training thousands of their fighters.

(7) Weapons supplied by the Government of Iran have targeted United States citizens, most notably the Iranian-supplied Explosive

sively Formed Projectiles, the most deadly and sophisticated Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) on the battlefield, which have killed and injured thousands of members of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

(8) Thwarting Iran’s hegemonic ambitions in the region brings long-term peace and stability, which thereby promotes the security of the United States and our partners.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States Government should reaffirm its commitment not to equip the Government of Iran with the material and strategic means to further finance or expand acts of terrorism; and

(2) the United States Government should reaffirm its commitment to encourage global and regional security in the Middle East by strongly supporting allies and strategic partners.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 9 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on China and Russia.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Drug Pricing in America: A Prescription for Change, Part I”.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Access to Care: Health Centers and Providers in Underserved Communities”.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an organizational and business meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Open Hearing on Worldwide Threats”.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 1 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY**

The Subcommittee on Cybersecurity of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Examining Department of Defense enterprise-wide cybersecurity policies and architecture.”

**ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019**

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon, Wednesday, January 30; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1 for debate only.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON TOMORROW**

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:17 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 12 noon.